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SUBJECT: FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ON SOUTHERN LEBANON
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REF: PARIS 11835, TEL AVIV 4755 (NOTAL)

1. YOU CAN ASSURE DE GUIRINGAUD THAT THE U.S. HAS BEEN
PRESSING THE ISRAELIS PERSISTENTLY AND FIRMLY FOR A COM-
PREHENSIVE WITHDRAWAL STATEMENT WITHOUT CONDITIONS. THE
LATEST U.S. APPROACH TOOK PLACE ON APRIL 10 WHEN AMBASSADOR

LEWIS SPOKE WITH WEIZMAN (TEL AVIV 4755). PLEASE GET WORD TO DE GUIRINGAUD THAT WEIZMAN HAS PROMISED LEWIS THAT HE WILL GET BACK TO HIM ABOUT WEDNESDAY NIGHT, AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE IDF COMMANDERS, AND WILL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF AN OVERALL WITHDRAWAL STATEMENT. WEIZMAN APPEARS TO APPRECIATE THE NEED TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT.

2. EXPLAIN ALSO THAT WE THINK IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL AT THIS STAGE FOR THE FRENCH THEMSELVES TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR VIEWS TO THE ISRAELIS AND TO PRESS FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL STATEMENT.

3. URGE IN STRONG TERMS THAT THE FRENCH NOT CONSIDER A FRENCH WITHDRAWAL FROM UNIFIL. THE FRENCH DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIFIL, AND TO SEND ITS FORCE

SO PROMPTLY TO LEBANON, GAVE AN IMPETUS TO THE OPERATION WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN LACKING. WE HAVE BEEN VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THIS FRENCH ACTION. BY THE SAME TOKEN, EVEN A HINT FROM THE FRENCH THAT THEY MIGHT BE CONSIDERING WITHDRAWAL WOULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE THE INTEREST OF OTHER TROOP CONTRIBUTORS, PRESENT AND FUTURE, IN PLAYING THEIR OWN ROLE IN UNIFIL. WE BELIEVE THE FRENCH HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY, BY VIRTUE OF THE PROMINENT ROLE THEY TOOK, IN DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE UNIFIL A SUCCESS.

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4. UNIFIL'S UNRAVELING AS A CONSEQUENCE OF FRENCH WITHDRAWAL WOULD HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR STABILITY OF LEBANON AND SECURITY OF REGION. THIS WOULD NOT BE IN FRENCH INTERESTS.

5. WE HOPE FRENCH WILL CONSULT CLOSELY WITH US ON THEIR VIEWS OF EVOLVING SITUATION. WE WILL ALSO.

6. FOR OUR OWN PART, WE WILL BE GOING ALL OUT NOT ONLY TO SECURE A SATISFACTORY AND CREDIBLE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL STATEMENT BUT ALSO TO BACK UP THE UN IN FINDING ADDITIONAL TROOP CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WOULD MAKE SPEEDY ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL THAT MUCH MORE LIKELY. WE HOPE FRENCH WILL JOIN US IN THIS EFFORT.

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